

Top PSAT/NMSQT Scores Qualify Five Students as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Info derived from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

NSU University School students, Avani Choudhary, Emma Duval, Rhys Murray, Cory Riegelhaupt, and Peri Shechtman have been selected as Semifinalists

in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for

some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning a Merit Scholar Title.



Approximately 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2015

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQ), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The number of Semifinalists in a state is

proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2017. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis.

Congratulations to our five incredible Sharks!